

SOCIAL LIFE IN AND ABOUT PHILADELPHIA

MRS. WHARTON DREXEL, who is at present at her home in Cornwall, is entertaining her nieces, Miss Lucy Dahlgren, Miss Madeline Dahlgren and Miss Ursula Dahlgren, of New York, who have lately returned from Italy.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry C. Dimond, of Rydal, will shortly issue invitations for a small dance at the Bellevue-Stratford on Friday, December 18, at 8 o'clock, in honor of their daughter, Miss Henrietta Dimond.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dwyer Baitzell, of 1235 Rittenhouse street, sailed on Wednesday last for abroad, where they will spend several weeks.

The engagement of Miss Mary Crozer Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rodman Page, of 202 Spruce street, was announced today to J. Marchal Brown, Jr., formerly of Baltimore but now living in Philadelphia.

Mr. Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Marchal Brown, of Baltimore. He is a graduate of Georgetown University and a member of the Racquet and Merion Cricket Clubs of this city.

Cards have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Tunis and Miss Hilda Tunis for a tea at the Acorn Club on Friday, November 27, from 4 until 7 o'clock.

Cards have been issued by Mrs. William McNeely, of the Rittenhouse, for a banquet at the Rose Gardens of the Bellevue-Stratford, on Wednesday, November 25, in honor of her debutante granddaughter, Miss Mary McNeely.

The cards of Mrs. George Shober and Mrs. Allen Mitchell, Jr., are included in the invitation. Miss McNeely will be assisted in receiving by Miss Louise Lewis, of De Kalb, Ill., Miss Matilda Sargent, of Boston, Mass., Miss Leonora Wals, Miss Edith Wals and Miss Isabel G. Wannaker.

John Kay Mohr will give a supper, to be followed by informal dancing, at the Mask and Wig Club house the night of December 1, after the opera, in honor of Miss Marie Louise Wannaker.

Word has been received that Lieutenant Jerome Howe, of the 10th Cavalry, U. S. A., is slowly recovering from a broken hip. Lieutenant Howe was formerly a Philadelphian, and will be remembered as an officer in Troop G, N. G. P., and as a member of the Engineers' Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Eugene Smith will give a dinner, to be followed by a theatre party, tonight in honor of Mrs. George Fowle, who is their guest for several days.

Miss Phoebe Ingersoll Wilmer and Howard Wood, Jr., will be the guests of honor at a dinner which Miss Marion B. Wood and Clement Riddle Wood will give tonight at their home in Conshohocken.

Miss Wilmer and Mr. Wood will be married tomorrow in St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, Germantown.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kearsley Mitchell will leave for Baltimore the end of this week, where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brooke, Jr., in Green Spring Valley, Md. Mr. and Mrs. Brooke will entertain at dinner in their honor on Monday night.

ALONG THE MAIN LINE

OVERBOOK—Mr. and Mrs. John Simon, of Drexel road, will spend the winter in California. They will leave about November 15 and will probably make the West their permanent home.

Mrs. F. H. Walsh and her daughter, Miss Phyllis Walsh, entertained last night in honor of Miss Julia McMeekin, who is their guest for several days. The affair was a box party at the Bellevue-Stratford for the performance of "The Paper Chase" by the Plays and Players.

Among the guests who attended were Miss Leonora Wals, Miss Edith Wals, Miss Mary Garrity, Miss Phyllis Walsh, Miss Gertrude Chapman, Miss Phyllis Walsh, Miss Ida Vane, A. Balfour Buchanan, Charles Daly, Louis Daly, John Bush, John Whartman, Joseph Garrity, Russell Neff, Paul Brown, Earl Hepburn.

HAYVENFORD—Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Herbert Pool will give a dance next Friday at the Merion Cricket Club in honor of Miss Lois Alexander Pool.

Friends of Mrs. W. G. Audenried, Jr., will be glad to hear she is recovering from the injuries received in an automobile accident several weeks ago.

WAYNE—The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. William H. Roberts, Miss Grace Roberts and Lloyd Roberts have returned to their home on Windermere avenue from Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Waldo Emerson, Jr., have returned to their home on Poplar avenue after a visit in New York.

Miss Frances Scott, of New York, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Mercors, of Poplar avenue, who entertained informally last week in her honor.

ALONG THE READING

Following the hunt of the Huntingdon Valley Hunt Club on Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bertram Lippincott and Joseph Wharton Lippincott, M. F. H., entertained the farmers and members at breakfast at Melmar, their country place at Bethaysers.

Among those who followed the hunt and attended the breakfast were Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. William Harley Milford, Mr. and Mrs. Hallowell Vaughan Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bayer, Charles C. Walbridge, Dudley Levick, Morris Adams, J. Smille Herkness, Mr. Biddle and Mr. La Rue.

On Saturday, November 23, the meet will start from Westminister Stock Farm, the country place of Daniel Bray, at Hathoro.

Friends of Joseph A. May, of Olney, will be pleased to hear he has recovered from a serious accident and is recuperating at his mother's home, 235 North 29th street.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Peep, of 4914 North 11th street, Logan, will entertain Sunday evening at dinner for their nephew, William Salsby, in honor of his 18th birthday. Their guests will be Miss Constance Gresham, Miss Jennie Gresham, Mrs. L. E. Pollock, H. B. Drank...



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MISS INEZ DRAYTON

Miss Drayton will make her debut this afternoon at a tea which will be given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Evans Roberts, at their home, 2017 Locust street; Miss Drayton will also be honor guest at a theatre party supper and dance, on December 16.

Herman Roll, Frank Brandenberg, Charles Peterman, John Lee and Forrest Johnston.

The next dinner dance of the Huntingdon Valley Country Club will take place on Friday evening, November 13. A number of dinners will precede the dance.

Mrs. Warren H. Prentzel, of Mather avenue, Jenkintown, has organized a children's dancing class which will meet every Friday afternoon from 3 until 6 o'clock at Clayton's Hall. Miss Kathleen Carlin and Sidney Owens will act as instructors of the class.

CHESTNUT HILL

Mrs. Thomas S. Gates will give a luncheon of 12 covers at her home in St. Martin's on Friday, November 20, in honor of her cousin, Miss Athalia Hirst, who will be presented at a tea to be given by her aunt, Mrs. Francis L. Patterson, of Mount Airy, on Monday, November 9.

Mrs. Clarence Clark Zantinger held a meeting of her sewing class for the benefit of the American Red Cross Society this morning at her home at Remondale and Highland avenues.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frazier Harris, who are motoring through New England, are spending a few days in Lenox, Mass.

Miss Helen Blair Daniel, of Springfield avenue, will leave Monday for New York to be the guest of Mrs. Davenport for a fortnight.

Miss Emily Taylor, of East Mount Airy avenue, has organized a sewing class which meets at her house every week. The members number 10.

Mrs. J. Leeds Barroll, of Chestnut Hill, is at present the guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Francis Ducey, at their home on Seyburn avenue, Detroit, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Ducey are being congratulated on the birth of a son, John Francis Ducey, Jr., last Monday. Mrs. Barroll will not return for several weeks.

GERMANTOWN

Mr. and Mrs. William Bradbury and their two daughters have taken a cottage in Ventnor for November and December. They will return to their home, 639 Greene street, about January 1.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Morphy, of Allen lane, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Grove, motored to Wernersville on Wednesday for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Tucker, Jr., entertained informally Mr. and Mrs. William R. Tucker, Sr., at dinner Wednesday night before the dance at the Germantown Cricket Club.

A bridge club has been formed in Germantown of 15 young girls and a few older women. The object of the club is to give informal dinners and dances, also theatre parties during the winter, inviting the prescribed number of men and having the older ladies act as chaperones. The bridge parties will meet at the homes of the various young women alternate Thursdays afternoons.

The first meeting took place yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Barton, of West Chestnut avenue. The members are Mrs. Frank L. Donlevy, Mrs. Charles Rodman Barton, Mrs. H. Oscar Brown, Mrs. William Moyn, Jr., Mrs. E. E. Moyer, Miss Helen Donlevy, Miss Flora Barton, Miss Louise McDowell, Miss Rosa Elias, Miss Elizabeth Moyer, Miss Anna Law, Miss Eleanor Edmonds, Miss Frances Omerly, Miss Elizabeth Gambie, Miss Marion Moyn, Miss Eleanor Moyn.

Miss Gertrude Savers, of 128 West Mount Pleasant avenue, will be hostess tomorrow night at a very attractive "500" party at her home. Her guests will be Miss Mildred Eckles, Miss Irene Dearnley, Miss Florence Eckles, Miss Margaret Warrington, Paul Seabold, William Rommel, Gilbert Hassler, Freeland Rea and Burwell Warrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bauer, their daughter, Miss Laura Bauer, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Bauer, of Lincoln drive, returned yesterday from an automobile trip through Pennsylvania and New York to Niagara Falls.

WEST PHILADELPHIA

Miss Mildred Singer and Miss Enid Singer, of 2907 Locust street, returned last week from Europe, where they have been for the past 18 months, spending most of the time in studying.

Miss Ethel Malony, of Townsend, Del., who has been visiting Mrs. Samuel A. Townsend, of 2142 Baltimore avenue, returned to her home on Wednesday. Miss Malony was much entertained during her stay here.

Mrs. E. Merrill Weeks, of 815 South 48th street, will entertain the Luncheon Bridge Club at luncheon on Friday, November 6. Among her guests will be Mrs. Elizabeth Twissand Doves, Mrs. J. B. Harvey, Mrs. H. B. Hick-

man, Mrs. W. C. Johnson, Mrs. Herbert Munger and Mrs. Duryea.

Miss Frances Bolan, of Boston, Mass., who has been living for the past two years in Paris, arrived here the middle of October and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. V. Bolan, 325 North Preston street, for a few weeks.

Mrs. Wilson Woelpper, of 214 South 46th street, and Mrs. Philip Wright will give a series of dances, to take place once a month during the winter, at 1402 Oxford street. The next dance will be given tomorrow.

Mrs. Henry Graedhill, of 5642 Pine street, entertained her "500" Club yesterday afternoon. Among those present were Mrs. Frank Elliot, Mrs. Albert Irvin, Mrs. Peter Lynch, Mrs. Robert Hallett, Mrs. William Nolan, Mrs. Ralph Freeman, Mrs. John Blunt, Mrs. William Fairland, Miss Cora Watkins, Miss Adele Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stuetz, of 857 South 57th street, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Albert Russell Stuetz, Jr., born Tuesday, October 27. Mrs. Stuetz will be remembered as Miss Marie Almes.

Mr. and Mrs. David Greenwald will celebrate the 25th anniversary of their wedding tonight at their home, 605 Walnut street, by a reception from 7 until 11 o'clock. There will be 200 guests present, and the house will be attractively decorated with chrysanthemums and autumn leaves.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

Lieutenant Commander W. M. Hunt, U. S. N., left this week for his old home in Bangor, Me., where he expects to remain for a few weeks. He will spend most of the time with his father hunting in the Maine woods.

The Young Men's Guild and the Young Ladies' Mission Band entertained the junior members of the Bible class of Trinity Lutheran Church, 18th and Wolf streets, on Monday evening. The affair was a costume supper and dance, and was held in the basement of the church. Among those present were Miss Mae Dannenberg, the Misses Mosler, Miss Anna Whitehead, Miss Leona Latimer, Miss Olga Anderson, Miss Catherine Hauser, Miss Marie Jensen, Miss Pearl Gray and Messrs. John Field, Edward Braey, Ernest Erickson, Thomas Rickard, William Whitehead, Gustav Kaat and Elmer Meyers.

Captain James J. Meade, U. S. M. C., returned on the Vermont, and expects to remain at his home, 1922 Shunk street, in the Girard Estate, for a few weeks. Captain Meade has been with the marines in Vera Cruz.

Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien, of 1427 Morris street, their little daughter, Miss Helen O'Brien, William O'Brien, Jr., and Miss Catherine Keenan, motored to Valley Forge on Sunday. On their return in the evening they were entertained at dinner by Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Burns, of 900 North 48th street.

Miss Mary T. Bowen entertained the members of her 500 club on Monday evening at her home, 1122 Snyder avenue. A buffet luncheon was served after the game. Her guests were Miss Virginia Keefe, Miss J. Cannon, Miss Rose Larkins, Miss Jennie Larkins, Miss Teresa Heitel, Miss Agnes McBride, Miss Mary McGuigan and Miss Anna Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Moroney, of the Girard Estate, entertained at dinner last week. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. John L. Somers, Miss Mary Moroney, Miss Mary T. Bowen, Thomas Carrigan and James T. Bowen.

NORTH PHILADELPHIA

Miss Amy Hexamer, of 195 Wallace street, will entertain at cards tomorrow afternoon in honor of her cousin, Miss Marie Regina Hexamer, whose marriage to Louis H. Schwartz, of Jenkintown, will take place next week. Autumn foliage and chrysanthemums will be used in the decorations. The guests will be Miss Elizabeth Conover, Miss Marie Simon, Miss Ruth Buckley, Miss Irene Thomas, Miss Ruby Rau, Miss Helen English, Miss Minnie Hexamer, Miss Alice Downsborough, Miss Caroline Beck, Miss Louise Jewell, Miss Jane Curran, Miss Cecil Riley, Miss Adeline Nuss, Miss Helen Reiger, Miss Helen Gelger, Miss Leona Zurn, Miss Margaret Hofstetter, Miss Marie O. Keller, Miss Emily Smith, Miss Evelyn Duncan, Miss Relnetta F. Pullen, Miss Emilie Ellison, Mrs. Theodore Keltner, Mrs. Hugh Eby, Mrs. John V. Radcliffe, Mrs. Carroll A. Haines, Mrs. Arthur D. Baker, Mrs. Lewis Howell, Mrs. Ray Signor, Mrs. Eliwood Doernback, Mrs. Philip Schwartz, Mrs. Lawrence L. Stevens, Mrs. Ralph Harcourt, Mrs. Carl Parry, Mrs. Crawford Kames, Mrs. Clifford Lincoln, Mrs. L. Fred Geig, Mrs. John Richards, Mrs. Raymond Jones, Mrs. Kessler Schwartz, Mrs. Harold Lyon, Mrs. Horace Kempton, Mrs. Rushton Allen, Mrs. Charles Phillips, Mrs. William Jennings, Mrs. Thomas Irwin, Mrs. George Foedisch, Mrs. Charles Gulick and Mrs. Thomas Baker.

The junior class of St. Joseph's College is making arrangements for the annual dance, the date of which has been set for November 26. The event will take place at Asher's, in an elaborate setting of floral decorations, mingled with the colors of the college.

Miss Florence Eckels, of 2207 West Tioga street, gave a tea last week for Miss Mildred Hicks, of Jersey City. Her sister, Miss Mildred Eckels, spent last week-end at Columbia University, New York, where she was the guest of Miss Irene Dearnley, of Ridge avenue, Roxborough, who is completing her college course.

Miss Gertrude Berg, of 3336 North 18th street, is visiting relatives in New York.

Members of the Men's Club, of the Church of the Resurrection, Broad and Tioga streets, held their monthly reception on Monday night in the Parish House.

The Philatelic Association of the Bethesda Baptist Church, 5th and Venango streets, gave a musicale Tuesday night in the lecture hall of the church. The program included solos and choruses by the Temple Girls' Octette, under the direction of Prof. William Powell Treadwell, organist and musical director of the Grace Baptist Church, Broad and Berks streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chaffinch, of Asbury Park, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Winslow, of 121 West Erie avenue.

ROXBOROUGH

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Simpson, of 369 Green lane, will give a dinner followed by cards tomorrow night at their home. Yellow chrysanthemums will be combined with autumn foliage in the decorations. Their guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Patton, Mr. and Mrs. George Walker, Mr. and Mrs. George Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ryan and Mr. and Mrs. Lazzelle Thornton.

Mrs. William Stroud, of East Roxborough avenue, will give an informal tea this afternoon, when her guests will be Mrs. Andrew Sauer, Mrs. Frank Cantrell, Mrs. William Addehalm, Miss Ray Boccook, Mrs. Louis Melvin Struss, Mrs. Milford C. Fox, Mrs. W. H. Hoedl, Mrs. Charles Gane and Mrs. Charles Whitman.

Mrs. Albert C. Rommel, of 218 Rochelle avenue, Wisahickon, will give a luncheon today for her sewing club. Her sister, Mrs. Harry J. Edie, of Tuscon, Cal., will be the guest of

honor. Others present will be Mrs. John Warrington, Mrs. Clarence C. Keever, Mrs. William Patton, Mrs. Benjamin Johnson, Mrs. Frederick Griffin and Miss Anne Burwell.

CAMDEN AND VICINITY

Reginald Hemingway, of Bloomsburg, Pa., has been visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. George H. Hemingway, of 503 Linden street.

Mrs. William Welke, president of the "Half-Hour" Club of Merchantville, addressed the Women's Club of this city Monday afternoon at their fortnightly meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Janke and Miss Mildred Janke, of 216 North 8th street, have been on a southern trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ralph Satterthwaite, upon their return from a wedding trip, will live in Woodbury, and will be at home on Wednesdays in January.

CHESTER AND VICINITY

Miss Jean Cross has returned to her home at Narberth, after spending a week as the guest of the Misses Fleming, of East 20th street.

Mrs. L. H. Larkin, of West 5th street, is entertaining her nephew, Vernon Larkin, of Bloomsburg, Pa.

Charles Morgan, of Boston, Mass., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Daniel Morgan, of East 14th street.

John F. Cullis, of Upland street, has returned from a week's visit to friends at Baltimore.

Miss Elizabeth Smethurst and Miss Sophie Lenny have returned from Elkton, Md., where they spent a week as the guests of friends.

Mrs. Jennie Williams, of East 10th street, is entertaining Miss Louise Anderson, of Havre de Grace, Md.

John Files, of Washington, D. C., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Files, of Potter street.

Miss Ella Galbreath has returned to her home at Bethel, after spending a week with friends at Granogue, Del.

Mrs. Kate Jacobs, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting Mrs. Franklin P. Lewis, of Ridley Park.

DEBUTANTE AFFAIRS

Miss Drayton and Miss Bispham Will Be Introduced at Teas Today—Two Dinner Dances.

There will be no let-up in the round of affairs for the debutantes today. Miss Inez Drayton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Evans Roberts, will be presented at a large tea at her home, 2017 Locust street. Miss Drayton will have no receiving party among the debutantes, but with Mrs. Roberts there will be Mrs. Howard Roberts, Mrs. Edward Roberts, Mrs. John C. Groome, Jr., and Mrs. Samuel Bell, Jr.

Miss Drayton will wear a frock of silk, with an overdress of chiffon and lace. The house is beautifully decorated with palms and ferns, and a number of chrysanthemums are used in the arrangements, while numerous baskets, bouquets and plants received are banked around the drawing room.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bispham will also give a tea danteant at the Acorn Club for their daughter, Miss Eleanor Bispham, from 4:20 until 7 o'clock. Mrs. Bispham and her daughter will be assisted in receiving by Mrs. William J. Elliott, Mrs. Clarence Collier, Mrs. William B. Mount, Mrs. Charles K. Mount, Miss Marie Bispham and Miss Clara Bispham. Miss Anna Binney Brinton, Miss Marjorie Paul Morris, Miss Marjorie Taylor, Miss Dorothea Oubertour, Miss Areean Miller, Miss Katherine Oden, Miss Ellen J. Dean, Miss Christine Rehn, Miss Caroline L. Brinton, Miss Emma Ashton Dorr, Miss Katherine Tenney, Miss Hansell F. Earle, Miss Eleanor Grubb, Miss Ada Lambert Wetherill, Miss Barbara Bispham, Miss Isobel Mink Stoker, Miss Eleanor Watt, Miss Dorothy Stokes, Miss Kate Furness Jayne, Miss Frances Tyson, Miss Helena Robinson, Miss Mary Hall Laird, Miss Ethel Hastings, Miss Margaret Atlee, Miss Katharine Seeler, Miss Lucia Warden, Miss Mary Boyd, Miss Eunice B. Hinman, of New York, Miss Anna Walther, Miss Huberta Potter, Miss Dorothy Deacon, Miss Charlotte Fahnestock and Miss Rebecca Lycett.

In the evening Dr. and Mrs. Henry Middleton Fisher will give a dinner-dance at their country place in Jenkintown in honor of their daughter, Miss Mary Frances Fisher. The house will be handsomely decorated in autumn colors. Miss Molly Wood Baily will be honor guest at a large dinner-dance which her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winter Baily, will give in the Rose Gardens of the Bellevue-Stratford. About 150 guests have been invited of the debutante and younger dancing men set.

CHARITY AFFAIRS

Concert for the Benefit of Woman's Medical College to Take Place This Month.

The third annual concert for the benefit of the maternity department of the Woman's Medical College, under the patronage of a number of ladies of social prominence, will be given in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford 12:34 morning, November 7. The concert in the past two years have been very successful, both artistically and financially. The artists will be Miss Edna Harwood Baugher, soprano; Nicholas Doury, tenor; and Herman Sandby, cellist.

The maternity department of the hospital is much in need of additional equipment, maintenance funds and a new ambulance. Mrs. K. Hafer Baugher, chairman of the committee on management for the concert, emphasizes the fact that while a great deal of our efforts and money are going to the war sufferers in Europe we must not forget our needs and duties at home.

Among the boxholders and patronesses for the concert are Mrs. George Fales Baker, Mrs. Alexander Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Richard M. Cadwalader, Mrs. Clarence Dolan, Mrs. T. Charlton Henry, Mrs. Charlesmeadow Tower, Mrs. Robert Kelso Cassatt, Mrs. Paul D. Mills, Mrs. John Struthers, Mrs. J. Kearsley Mitchell, Mrs. Charles Brinton Cox, Mrs. Stanley G. Flagg, Jr., and Mrs. George C. Thomas.

The Choral Society of Philadelphia in conjunction with the Philadelphia Orchestra will present Wolf-Ferrari's "New Life" for the benefit of the Emergency Aid Committee at the Academy of Music on November 15. The entire proceeds of the performance will be given to the committee. There will be 80 voices, with the entire strength of the orchestra.

New garments and supplies will be purchased with the money raised. This will be spent in Philadelphia in the purchase of these necessities. They will be forwarded to Europe to aid the destitute.

The patronesses of the concert are: Madamame, J. Cassatt, E. T. Sweeney, C. A. Hartson, J. Willis Martin, Elizabeth Townsend, Edward Jackson, George H. Rowland, Richard H. Warrington, George O. Meade Lantz, W. J. Galloway, Edward M. Harvey, George Osterman Hoopes, and Mrs. Harriet B. Harter.

Madamame, Norman McLeod, John H. Peil, J. Curtis Patterson, John Deaver, Ralph Townsend, Walter B. Thomson, Wm. E. Bull, George W. Houston Pepper, E. H. Price, James H. D. Jones, George M. P. Jones, J. Mearns Kinzie, and Mrs. Harriet B. Harter.

THE DRAMA

THEATRICAL BAEDEKER

ADELPHI—"A Pair of Sixes," farce by Edward Peple. Two business partners shoot a cold hand, the winner to retain the business, the loser to become his body servant for a year. Maude Eburne imitatively funny as a slavey. BROAD—"The Song of Songs," new play by Edward Sheldon. Variations on Sudermann's novel, with scenes in this country.

FORREST—"Sari," charming opera, with Miss Hajas and Irene Powelowska. A good plot, better music, an excellent company—and Miss Hajas just bewitching.

GARRICK—"The Debutante," new musical comedy, with book by H. B. and R. B. Smith and music by Victor Herbert. Delightfully diverting, entrancingly engaging music by Victor Herbert. Hazel Dawn a subjugatingly beautiful heroine.

KEITH'S—Blanche Ring in a musical sketch, "Oh, Paps," and Adele Ritchie.

LITTLE THEATRE—Excellent revival of Sheridan's "Rivals."

LYRIC—"The Whirl of the World," the New York Winter Garden spectacle, Willis Howard ticks the funny convolution of your brain; Eugene, his brother, catches with songs.

WALNUT—Return of "Within the Law," Catherine Tower convincingly portrays Mary Turner, who is unjustly sentenced to prison, but finally triumphs.



HILDA ENGLUND Little Theatre—"The Rivals"

War's Effect on Theatrical World

Of all professions of modern life, the stage is at least one that has preserved something of the glamour of romance. To the average man the world behind the footlights is one of fascination and mystery, with a touch of the vaguely comprehended plangent. However, no profession ever more needed a rosate illusion, and especially these days. There are few professions that call for more sacrifices, that necessitate more vicissitudes of comfort if not fortune, than the theatrical. Success is achieved only by years of effort and training usually, and the major planets are comparatively few in the congested constellations, which are indeed more like the heavenly nebula than otherwise.

At this time the theatrical profession is in a more parlous state than it has been for many years. To visit the managerial offices along Broadway is to witness, and distressingly, one of the multitudinous effects of the war. "At no time," said a New York manager yesterday, "were more theatrical people out of a job during the season. As a matter of fact many are practically starving." Because of the war, there has been, too, an influx of English actors.

"Some years ago the stage doors were thronged with the various types of Johnnies," said a popular musical comedy star playing on 42d street. "Now, when I leave the theatre, there are only actors waiting at the stage entrance to make a 'touch.' Every night I give away at least \$5 in quarters. The situation is really pathetic."

Nor are the minor actors or chorus alone affected by the hard business. Stars are looking for positions. A well-known actor, whose salary averages about \$200 a week when engaged, was in a show that lasted just three weeks. This was his only engagement in an entire year. His earnings therefore amounted to \$600. He spent the last summer in Europe and came back, expecting a season's engagement, broke.

From a dramatic and artistic standpoint there were never better productions in New York than at the present time. Yet the majority are playing at a financial loss. Not more than a half-dozen plays near Broadway are fortunate in drawing crowded houses nightly, and of these the notable successes are "Chin-Chin," "The Girl From Utah," "The Miracle Man" and "Under Cover." Nevertheless, managers are hopeful, and actors, great and small, optimistically occupy the benches of offices waiting for engagements. "We are looking for a boom along toward spring," declared one of the biggest producers, "for we feel that the present conditions simply cannot last."

FLASHES FROM "STARS"

Ian MacLaren, who plays Captain Jack Absolute in "The Rivals," at the Little Theatre, is a farmer as well as an actor and has a 200-acre model farm in New Hampshire where he spends his summers. He is planning to add a baseball diamond to it this coming spring, as he is an ardent fan.

Charles Meakin, leading man in the operetta "Sari," at the Forrest Theatre, has been for nine years with that same manager, and for two seasons played the Prince in "The Merry Widow."

Robert Pitkin, who plays with Hazel Dawn in "The Debutante" at the Garrick Theatre, is a Southerner, and tells several good negro stories. One of them is about an old dandy named Uncle Zeke, a retailer and handy man-of-all-work at the establishment conducted by Pitkin's father, and a great favorite with the young master.

One day Uncle Zeke came to "Maama" Bob and said: "Ah'm gwine to leave de job heah and go in business for myself."

"That's good, Uncle Zeke," said Pitkin, "what business are you going into?"

"De whitewashin' business, Maama Bob; but dere's only one trouble. Ah needs a sign painted to put up on my cabin, and if you'll would lend me two dollars Ah could get a mighty fine one."

"Sure, Uncle Zeke, here you are," said Pitkin, handing him a two dollar bill.

A few days later Pitkin passed the Negro's cabin and there was a gaudy sign reading, "Whitewashing Done in All Colors."

Phyllis Nielson-Terry, daughter of the late Fred Terry, made her debut as a star four years ago. She played the title role in the Harcourt von Arnim play, "Priscilla Runs Away," at the Haymarket Theatre. She met with such an enthusiastic reception that, contrary to all expectations, the piece had a long run. In the light comedy role, with but one emotional scene, a fit of hysterics, the girlish actress was charming.

"I always wanted to be an actress," she says, "and dad and mother made no objection to my trying; only they said I must see whether I could do something really worth while. I never studied at a school of acting, nor coached with any one, but neither dad nor mother approve of that, but they always let me attend their rehearsals and learn that way. My first big role was when, at four years

notice, I took mother's part in 'Henry of Navarre.'

"Then came Viola in 'Twelfth Night,' Priscilla, an emotional role, in 'All That Matters,' and Rosalind in 'As You Like It.' The latter is such a difficult role, much more modern, it seems to me, than Juliet. I think it demands a great deal more technique, and I hope to play it again."

Elizabeth Goodall, the comedienne of "The Whirl of the World" company, at the Lyric Theatre, is a regular business woman, carrying a side line of merchandise. Within the last month she has been placed under a long-time contract to distribute a brand of cigarettes on the road. Asked if she liked it, Miss Goodall answered:

"I should say I do. From the first day's experience I was delighted. It's just a trifle hard to arise a couple of hours earlier than I have been used to, but business is so exciting that I delight in it, and hardly feel a bit tired when the day is over. One thing is sure—at the present time I like it a lot better than acting, and if the feeling keeps up, may forsake the stage and become a traveling saleswoman."